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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring the department of public safety to conduct a
2 study relating to the sale, possession, and use of novelty
3 lighters.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
5 TLSB 1084XS 83
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1 1 Section 1. NOVELTY LIGHTER SALES == IMPACT ASSESSMENT.
1 2 1. The department of public safety shall conduct a study
1 3 relating to novelty lighters. The study shall include
1 4 determination of a definition for the term novelty lighter, as
1 5 distinguished from standard lighters; identification of
1 6 options for reasonable restrictions on the sale, possession,
1 7 or use of novelty lighters; and options for enforcement of any
1 8 such restrictions. To the extent practicable, the study shall
1 9 assess the degree to which the sale, possession, or use of
1 10 novelty lighters may increase the likelihood of accidental
1 11 fire and related property damage, injury, or death, and any
1 12 other identifiable risk of property damage, injury, or death
1 13 posed by novelty lighters, and the extent to which novelty
1 14 lighters may pose special risks to children and youth.
1 15 2. The department shall prepare a report based on the
1 16 study, which shall include any recommendations the department
1 17 determines appropriate, and shall submit the report to the
1 18 general assembly by January 1, 2010.

EXPLANATION

1 19 This bill requires the department of public safety to
1 20 conduct a study relating to the sale, possession, and use of
1 21 novelty lighters. The study shall include determination of a
1 22 definition for the term novelty lighter; identification of
1 23 options for reasonable restrictions on the sale, possession,
1 24 or use of novelty lighters; and options for enforcement of any
1 25 such restrictions. The bill states that to the extent
1 26 practicable, the study shall assess the degree to which the
1 27 sale, possession, or use of novelty lighters may increase the
1 28 likelihood of property damage or human injury or death, and
1 29 the extent to which novelty lighters may pose special risks to
1 30 children and youth.
1 31 The department is directed to submit a report including
1 32 recommendations to the general assembly by January 1, 2010.
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